

WRITING AS A TRADE.

It's Not Such a Bonanza As Some Are Led to Believe.

Common-Sense Comments by Dr. Edward Eggleston—Of All the Learned Professors Literature Certainly Is the Most Poorly Taught.

The phenomenal sales of many recent books, notably such as General Wall's "Ben-Hur" and Mr. Bellamy's "Looking Backward," have led the general public to believe that the business of authorship will be a profitable one. This impression can be intensified by reports of the great prices paid certain writers for their productions. Examples in point are the handsome incomes attributed to Mark Twain, W. D. Howells, Mrs. Burnett, and others of far less note. Consequently the recent statement addressed to Dr. Edward Eggleston, by a successful writer in disgrace of this opinion has been received with surprise. Dr. Eggleston, according to a literary journal, holds that there is not a single American author who really makes an income out of his books. Grub street has become a tradition, but the rewards of the book-maker continue painfully small. Dr. Eggleston writes to a *Global* Democrat correspondent in a repudiation of the bold statement thus attributed to him, but in reiteration of the continual returns of authorship: "Of course I did not say anything so preposterous as the words attributed to me in the newspaper in point. This is only one of many illustrations of the crying defect of American journals at this time. More brains, more precision, more mental training are wanted in the reporter's work. Of enterprising reporters there are enough, men who will find out the secrets of the North Pole, steal an interview with the Pope or the Czar, or penetrate in search of news to a lady's bedchamber. But a decent report of a public assembly, or of an audience, for which the orator did not live up to the manuscript copy, I have not seen in a long time. I wish to file a general caveat that I am not responsible for remarks that enter into my mouth in this way. When I did say that, I was a responsible committee man that I did not know any author who had acquired a competence by literary work only, I implied, I proceeded to exclude school-teachers. Mr. Lenox, however, was a quite decent man, made good investments. Mr. Emerson was poor during the greater part of his life, I believe, though he abhorred the drudgery of life as a lecturer, and it is not only gained a competence in life, but good investments. Hawthorne was a man to drudge for a book-keeper like Goodrich, and to seek public offices. Mr. Love, he has had other sources of income. Mr. Howells has had, let us hope, a liberally-earning salary; Colonel Heriot, on published a successful school-book. My very point is that authors are driven from the production of literature, "properly so-called," to drudgery or so-called, by the desire to earn that sufficiency which it rarely does not give. The newspaper in point may or may not in its critical moments class the profitable juveniles of Miss Abbott, Mr. Trowbridge, and Oliver Optic with literature properly so-called.

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Digby, N. S., Sept. 10.—Mrs. Crozier, a highly respected lady of this town, was accidentally poisoned last night through a mistake of the druggist in filling the doctor's prescription with fifteen grains of strichnine instead of some simple remedy. The woman died in great agony a few minutes after taking the fatal dose. The mistake occurred through the bottles becoming changed on the druggist's shelf. The jury exonerated the clerk, but censured the proprietor for not keeping poisonous drugs separate.

SPORTSMAN'S GAME BOOK.

A LONG FELT WANT OF THE SPORTSMEN CAN BE SUPPLIED.

A Lady Is a Lady Everywhere.

A lady is no less a lady because, instead of eating her heart out in poverty and filthiness, she joins the great army of broad-winners, and opens a shop; there is no more dignity in her position than if she sent round the hat to her friends. Except by snobs, men and women are beginning to be measured not by their business or calling, but by where they may be seen, but by what they are. This reminds me, by the way, of my meeting a lady of quality once at a dinner, writes Hamilton Ade in the *New Review*. It was out of the season, and the dinner was not at a fashionable house. The lady of quality thought fit to take me aside and apologize for being seen where she was. "Not at all my set, you know." Her set, obviously, should have been at the lower table in the servants' hall.

A Murderer's Skin Tanned.

In April, 1821, a man named John Horwood was hanged at the usual place (in Bristol) for the murder of a girl, a "C. The following tradesman's account is the first manuscript contained in a book in the infirmary library, Bristol, June, 1828. Richard Smith, Esq., Dr. H. H. Essex. To binding in the skin of John Horwood a variety of papers, etc., relating to him; the same being lettered on each side of the book "Curis vera Johannis Horwood, 1821." Perhaps all that can be said in excuse for such an act is that it had been surpassing in a neighboring county a few years previously. According to the Bristol Journal of May 11, 1828, after a man named Marsh had been hanged in Somerset for murder, his body was flayed and his skin sent to Taunton to be tanned.

PRESERVATION FROM THE EAST.

Mr. J. J. Reimond, of the firm of Redmond and Emerson, received a short time ago a very nice present from Boulton & L. O. L., in the form of a gold-headed cane, with the following engraved upon it: "To J. J. Reimond, from Boulton & L. O. L., No. 488, Picton," accompanied by a very nice letter giving expression to the several sentiments which the man in the journal of his departure. Mr. Reimond is well spoken of by them, however, known him for years, and now that his family has arrived we hope that they will find as many fast friends in Brandon as they had in Picton. The following are the letters which accompanied the gift and Mr. Redmond's reply.

Picton, Aug. 8th, 1890.
To Jos. J. Reimond, Esq.,
Brandon,
Man.

Dear Sir and Brother,
We, the brethren of Boulton & L. O. L., No. 488, desire the present you with this small token as a mark of the high esteem in which you hold by the members of this firm, who have been with us and for your valuable services to Dr. Edward Eggleston, his of a successful writer, in disgrace of this opinion has been received with surprise. Dr. Eggleston, according to a literary journal, holds that there is not a single American author who really makes an income out of his books. Grub street has become a tradition, but the rewards of the book-maker continue painfully small. Dr. Eggleston writes to a *Global* Democrat correspondent in a repudiation of the bold statement thus attributed to him, but in reiteration of the continual returns of authorship: "Of course I did not say anything so preposterous as the words attributed to me in the newspaper in point. This is only one of many illustrations of the crying defect of American journals at this time. More brains, more precision, more mental training are wanted in the reporter's work. Of enterprising reporters there are enough, men who will find out the secrets of the North Pole, steal an interview with the Pope or the Czar, or penetrate in search of news to a lady's bedchamber. But a decent report of a public assembly, or of an audience, for which the orator did not live up to the manuscript copy, I have not seen in a long time. I wish to file a general caveat that I am not responsible for remarks that enter into my mouth in this way. When I did say that, I was a responsible committee man that I did not know any author who had acquired a competence by literary work only, I implied, I proceeded to exclude school-teachers. Mr. Lenox, however, was a quite decent man, made good investments. Mr. Emerson was poor during the greater part of his life, I believe, though he abhorred the drudgery of life as a lecturer, and it is not only gained a competence in life, but good investments. Hawthorne was a man to drudge for a book-keeper like Goodrich, and to seek public offices. Mr. Love, he has had other sources of income. Mr. Howells has had, let us hope, a liberally-earning salary; Colonel Heriot, on published a successful school-book. My very point is that authors are driven from the production of literature, "properly so-called," to drudgery or so-called, by the desire to earn that sufficiency which it rarely does not give. The newspaper in point may or may not in its critical moments class the profitable juveniles of Miss Abbott, Mr. Trowbridge, and Oliver Optic with literature properly so-called.

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THE CROP OUTLOOK.

Although, in consequence of the rains of the past three weeks, the farmers of this country are not going to do as well with their wheat crop as it was thought they would, there is no ground for disengagement. That the rains have effected such a disorderly and will reduce the grading there is no doubt, which will naturally reduce the quantity of No. 1 hard in the country, but at the same time the injury done for milling purposes is very light. In some localities, where the grain was cut green, and stockaded in round instead of flat stocks sprouting to a limited extent has taken place; but withal on account of the coldness of the weather while the rainy period lasted, the injury from this cause is much less than it was at one time feared it would be.

From the most reliable reports, however, the yield is large, and will probably reach twenty million bushels, which will bring an average of probably 70 cents a bushel or say twelve million dollars after a deduction is made for seed and head and this produced by about 15,000 farmers, or \$1,000 for every man actually engaged in the work, is a condition of things that is not to be found in any other country on the face of the globe, gaining it wherever may.

As threshing will now be in order in a few days, we would advise the farmers to sell as soon as possible. Good prices will rule from the start, and by securing them they will be clear of all risk in the decline or loss of product from any cause, and they will have the use of the money either to save interests on indebtedness or to make investments.

Speaking of the value of the present year's crop for milling purposes is evidence that for the people's welfare there are not millers enough in the country. It will be impossible for the millers of the country to handle the product; and yet as they can disregard grading in buying and give what the sample is actually worth to them for flouring purposes, they should under all circumstances and at all times be the best buyers in the country. Mills should be encouraged in every quarter, and the moment they are sufficiently numerous to consume the entire product of the country changing our export to one of flour instead of wheat, the farmers will be able to get the best return for raising the staple article of the country.

HE SEES WITH DIRTY GLASSES.

That ever wise print the patent back in this city and its counterpart Judas Minor Robinson's organ of the Portage, speak very disparagingly of the prospects of the Conservative party at the polls in the event or the Federal elections taking place this fall. In the first place these twin of illomen may hold their souls in peace as there will be no elections this fall, and if they were held, we fail to see the ground for their alleged fear but covert hope, as expressed in their rapping. In the last elections, Sir John Macdonald carried the country with a majority of nearly 60, and since then there has been no change in the government's policy and no well founded reason why there should be one. It is true a few weeks ago there was a great deal of reciprocity in the United States, but it has ended in absolute nothingness as Sherman's resolutions that were to open it have been consigned to the waste basket, and is well known that one nation cannot make a national law without the consent and co-operation of the other interested. It cannot effect a marriage by courtship on one side alone as Fanny Squers thought she could do.

It is very true, we are informed by the Public Accounts of the country, that since Robinson began to show the cloven hoof, and to say two words for the defeat of the government for one word in its favor, he has not prospered as well at the public crib as he thinks he ought to prosper—he has not bled the Federal government as he used to bleed the Nipissing administration when he was paying the Hon. C. P. Brown for an interest that gentleman held in a certain newspaper plant, and this may be taken as a full explanation for the apparent neglect of the political traitor at the Portage. But there is another instance of the conduct of the little boy that the world was up sides down, because he was standing on his head with his heels in the air. Mr. Robinson, the question is whether you are or are not fed from the [Federal] purse, as you think your assistance demands, will make but little difference with the electors. The country is prospering under the present government without any serious burdens on the people, and that is all the electors are looking for.

But we are not alone in our opinions of the merits of the journalism of Judas Minor. The following from the Free Press, which cannot be said to be especially favorable to the Conservative cause, and which appeared after the foregoing was written explains itself. Between the two stools, despised by friend and hated

by foe, traitor Robinson finds himself on his back in the mire of his own creating:

The Review is not without its own share of responsibility for the state of demoralization in which it says the party now finds itself. It has given such support as it could to a movement that was calculated not to be a class against class, creed against creed, and neighbor against neighbor.

Its politics, indeed, has been of the mischievous order, and until it corrects itself it is scarcely in a position to consistently lecture others. But we quote its remarks for the purpose of pointing out something else. They show that it is not honest even in the profession of its new faith. It has, or professes to have, a horror of "the old Jesuits," every man-jack of whom it would brand with the mark of eternal infamy. The House of Commons, for refusing to disallow the Jesuit Bill, becomes in its opinion a House of Evil, and the members of it of the Thirteen veritable children of Evil. It has a personal grudge against the member for Selkirk, and is probably not expected to say a good word for him. It does not know anything about the member for Winnipeg, and therefore refuses to express an opinion so far as he is concerned. But the member for Ligar and Provencier is not right, and their constituents could not do better than return them—recommendation to whitewash them we shall take no exception. But they were not of the Noble Thirteen, any more than was the member for Marquette, whom the Review would have hanged, drawn and quartered without benefit of clergy. We submit that this is not discreditable to a newspaper whose political creed is narrowed down to the one plank—death to Catholicism and Catholicism. The member for Marquette stands on the same ground as the member for Ligar and Provencier, and if the latter in the estimation of the Review can be forgiven the sin of winking at "them Jesuits" so also to be honest and Christian-like as it pretends, should it forgive the member for Marquette. But, as will be seen, it has him already marked out for slaughter. The Review should take the earliest opportunity to revise its political faith.

UP GO THE DUTIES.

The tariff bill which has been the subject of such unlimited discussion in the United States Congress was passed last week by the Senate. This bill has already been discussed in this journal, with reference to the changes which it proposed to make in the tariff. The bill provides mainly for higher duties on agricultural produce, and it will be a heavy blow to the Canadian export trade to the United States. Nearly all commodities exported from this country to the United States will now be subject to greatly increased duties, and the loss to the Canadian producers will be very serious. Those in Canada who favor free trade relationship with the United States (and that means practically the entire population), had for some time advised for a time by an amendment proposed by Senator Sherman, favoring reciprocity with Canada. The bill, however, has been passed without any reference to Canada, and there is now no hope of any move of this kind at least during the present session in Congress.

So says Jimmy Steen in the Commercial. Now, the question is, what would that "unquestioned" authority have the Canadian Government do? Turn the other cheek?" as the Grit party have long advised them to do, or give the Yankees a dose of their own pellets. Common sense suggests the latter, Gritism, of course, to the contrary.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

Moose Jaw is going to have electric lights.

The Calgary by-laws to raise \$21,000 for sewerage purposes was carried on Monday by over 100 majority.

Owing to a change in the "Branding of Cattle Ordinance" the old stock districts have been done away with, and new districts formed. The electoral district of Moose Jaw has been made a stock district with Mr. Seymour Green as Sub-Recorder of Brands. It is necessary that all parties owning stock, brand the same and have the brand recorded together with a vent brand.

The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway was completed to Prince Albert, last week. It is expected that there will be a great demonstration at Prince Albert on the occasion of the taking over of the road by the C.P.R. An excursion is being talked of from Regina.

Deloraine is having a new Roman Catholic church building erected.

An unfortunate and serious accident befel Mr. Clifford, a farmer, of 6325, last Friday, through which he has lost the sight of one eye. It appears that he was engaged in sawing a tree, when one of the bats of the tree suddenly striking Mr. Clifford in the right eye completely destroying it.

During the storm of Saturday the house of Jos. Denosay, a farmer living about nine miles northeast of Carberry, was struck by lightning. The bolt passed through the chimney to pieces and passing down the flue it struck the clothes hanging on the wall beneath the chimney being almost full of them. None of the family were hurt, although three children were on or about the stairway at the time.

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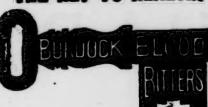
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LOCAL NEWS

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The Plymouth brethren of this city are advertising special meetings for christians to be held on 5th November.

Sid. Smith, of Portage la Prairie, was in the city on Monday. He went out to Souris on Tuesday to visit at his home.

We understand that J. A. Brock has made arrangements for a photograph gallery in the new Fleming block. It will be the finest in the province.

The Chicago grain markets were wild on Thursday, partly caused by our snow storm. Wheat advanced 3½ cents and corn 4½ cents.

The annual meeting of the Curling club for the election of officers, will be held at See. W. H. Shillinglaw's office on Friday evening at 8 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

At the first meeting of the village of Virden named A. G. McDonald was appointed secretary-treasurer, and H. H. Goulet, solicitor.

W. J. Young, formerly in the employ of A. Whitelaw, of this city, will in company with Mr. Merton of London, open a grocery store in Fraser's present stand the first of next month. The firm's name will be W. J. Young & Co.

Mr. John T. Somerville has purchased the Brock building, 1st and all, just east of the Mail Office for something over \$4,000. He will fit up the place shortly and open out largely in the gents' furnishing line.

The Criminal proceedings taken by Joe Martin against W. F. Lupton, of the Free Press, have been dismissed by the courts of Jimmy Ashton, Verdict against the Free Press, and the Tribune appears to be well supplied with big heads too.

Mr. Theo. Nichol, of Wawanesa, is at the Grand Union. They are still harvesting at Wawanesa and the rain has done very little damage. There was no frost on Sunday night; there was a light white frost on that night at some points in the west. [Winnipeg Tribune.]

The Montreal Trade Bulletin thinks that if Manitoba will have a total yield of about 12,000,000 to 13,000,000 bushels of wheat, she will not do amiss. It also inclines to the belief that the quality will be mainly No. 1 and No. 2 Northern.

Dr. More and Dr. Dickson, dentist, have removed their offices from over Fleming's drug store, to Brock's building across the street. Dr. Fleming is also moving his drug stock to the rear of the new building on the corner preparatory to occupying the ground covered by the old building by the extension of the new brick block.

The public would like to know what the hospital committee are doing about the hospital. The people voted the \$6000 asked for. The charter is secure, and individuals are ready to put up their subscriptions as soon as they are asked for them. Why is there not more activity in the matter?

Mr. Theo. Nichol, of Wawanesa, is in the city. He says the local elevator Co., who have headquarters there, will have elevators with 400,000 bushels capacity erected on the N.P. from the boundary to Brandon this fall, and that all told there will be 1,500,000 bushels of wheat on the N.P. system, also that the N.P. Co. have 650 cars on the line ready to move the crop as marketed. He thinks 3½ would cover all the injury done the crop by the late rains.

Mr. John Stevens, of Deloraine, drove over to Brandon this week, on his tour of inspection of the western country. Mr. S. is greatly pleased at the progress of this city and its prospects. Excepting farmers who have been hauled out in the Turtle Mountain section he finds farming industry good form this year, and profitable. He does not think any serious injury has been done by the frost or the late rains. He thinks and very properly that the government ought to come to the rescue of these farmers who have suffered by hail.

The following are the successful candidates who competed in the Teachers' Examination recently held in Manitoba: 1st Class, W. T. Hayes, F. A. Clark, Mrs. J. Anderson, and Mary Lucas, 2nd Class, Mrs. J. Anderson, Barbara J. Cameron, Dan'l Dunn, Victoria Field, Sam''l Gillies, Stell'la Hamill, Ethel Howgill, E. M. Hooper, Clara Jamieson, Mary F. Kinsey, Etta O'neill, Ella Rose, Frank Robinson, Mary Sprout and Eliz. A. Young.

On Thursday a test of the new fire engine was made on the corner of 10th st. and Rosser ave. The wind was strong and all other elements were against the successful working of the engine, but in the face of all it gave a most satisfactory. With 80 pounds of water it threw two streams, a block away 100 feet high, which is sufficient to reach any building in the city for many a day. The test was made in the presence of a representative of the Royal Co. and the fire chiefs of Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg.

Douglas correspondence too late for this paper.

Mr. F. C. Patterson and wife are visiting "down south" towards Dixie.

Strome's motto is as Detective Foster's use all people alike, but \$35 blocking the streets.

Rev. Dean Grisdale preached to large congregations in St. Matthew's church last Sunday.

Mr. G. R. Caldwell was out shooting Tuesday and remembered the MAIL to the extent of a brace of fine chickens.

A young girl named McEwen, aged 16 years, committed suicide at Headingley on Saturday, by hanging herself.

Alex. Gottard, a youth of six or seven years, had the misfortune to break a limb by falling from a stable on Tuesday last.

Mr. Ogilvie S. M. Fraser leaves to-day for Scotland, his home, where he is to make preparations for carrying on business here on a much larger scale.

The Winnipeg Tribune says the Brandon Mail has seldom a good word for the local government. This is simply because their record will not warrant it.

A Frenchman named Hoerner, killed a Belgian named Pieron, in a drunken brawl at St. Boniface on Saturday. Hoerner sent an umbrella through the skull of his victim.

Mr. Thos. Green desires us to say that

the management of the citizen's picnic was so complete that \$30 was saved out of the local government. This is simply because their record will not warrant it.

Mr. Kirby, of Springfield, Elgin Co., Ont. is up on a prospecting tour. He is well pleased with the country and will probably locate near Douglas.

By the many dry loads of cases of hots and shoes that are being unloaded in front of W. E. Elmerfield's boot and shoe store, we take it that he is expecting a very large fall trade. He has one of the finest shops in the province.

J. C. Johnston, late of Drayton, Ont., has purchased the Torrance livery and feed stables and having relisted them is now in a position to accommodate a large number of horses. He purposes taking out an auctioneer's license and running the auction business also in city or country.

The Brandon Hills section seems to be very prosperous the present year. Wheat fields are seen in every direction and will yield 30 bushels to the acre. The first class of residences are still being erected and is also an other evidence of the forward movement. A couple of years ago Mr. Wiswell put up a frame that would do credit to a city and this year General Johnston follows with a two story structure as good as many of the best, in this city and most artistically painted.

Mr. Allan McHargill, consulting civil and sanitary engineer, of Toronto, is in the city looking over the source of water supply and its probable cost for the city.

As we are making up for press he is giving a statement to the council in this

which is virtually that the Assiniboine river is the most feasible source, to have the river water run into a patent filter, to be pumped through the mains for supply. He thinks the entire cost would be about \$50,000.

W. H. Fay, an American capitalist from Camden, N. Jersey, and manufacturer of Fay's manilla building material is in town on a business visit to A. T. Lowe & Co., with reference to sundry contracts they have on hand including the Electric light works and other buildings in this city. Mr. Fay has just returned from California where he sold one firm four carloads of the material.

Mesdames McDiarmid, Murray and Thompson entertained the younger portion of the congregation of the Presbyterian church last Thursday evening in the Bible class room of the church. The evening was spent by all assembled organizing themselves into a "progressive conversational party," a regular programme of topics for conversation being supplied by the hostesses. Being a departure from the usual entertainment, some of the more novel and interesting, some of the more serious being highly intellectual, others perhaps wild to the other extreme. The topics in the programme were interesting with unusual numbers, the church choir and Mrs. G. Sylvester taking part in the latter. Good things in the shape of estables and drinkables were supplied when the company dispersed after a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the above ladies. To Dr. McDiarmid was allotted the task of presiding over the gathering.

There is no new wheat yet, but it will open at about 75. This year, on account of Ontario having a quantity for export, all Northwest markets will be governed by English quotations and 70 to 75 is all they will show. Other quotations are as follows in the city:

Barley 35
Oats 35
Hay 8.00
Potatoes 35
Shorts per ton \$14.00
Flour 3.50
Turnips 25
Butter 15
Eggs 15
Beef (liver) 03
Pork 05

On Saturday four able-bodied men, three boys and a pair of half dogs went duck shooting in the Brandon Hills. On their return, the account stood:

To one team 1 day, \$3.50
" " Ammunition, 1.00
" " Wages of men and 3 boys, 10.00
Total cost, 14.50
By 2 six weeks old ducks, 20
By mortification fund, 14.30

This is how the account balanced, and last we should be considerate.

see next issue for names of the

The post office has an entirely new staff of hands, with one exception.

Chang Wong two celestials have opened a laundry on 7th street.

Mr. Agnew, Attorney, of Virden, is in the city attending an examination arising out of the Malcolm Thompson business.

At a recent meeting of the Territorial Board of Education a resolution was passed favoring the early establishment of a university for the Northwest Territories.

It is thought that the burglars who went through the safe at Carberry on Friday night are the same parties who burglarized Dr. Harrison's safe at Neepawa four weeks ago.

We stop the press to announce the untimely death by typhoid fever, of our much respected and deeply lamented townsmen Mr. E. Fitz Bucker which took place at 1:30 this morning. A more extended notice will appear next issue.

A North Dakota despatch, referring to the mystery that bound to follow the failure of the crops, says: "Ellendale, N.D., and its neighboring points show an almost total crop failure through Spink county, N.D., and a situation far worse than that of 1882. Mayor LeTofton telegraphs that of the wheat raised 90 per cent. will not thresh out half of the estimate at the time of cutting, which was very low. He reports the same to be true of the line east and west as broad as Spink county, and says the general crop section of North Dakota is worse even than recent reports, and farmers having mortgaged everything to the full value and their credit is exhausted with local merchants. It is feared it will be impossible to furnish necessary feed this winter.

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